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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON
CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THERMONUCLEAR
TECHNOLOGY

REF: (A) STATE 042677; (B) PARIS 04706

1. CEA (GOLDSCHMIDT) ADVISED EMBASSY MARCH 9 THAT
FRENCH TEAM PREPARED TO VISIT WASHINGTON MARCH 30
THROUGH APRIL 1.

2. TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING SUB-
JECTS: SECURITY CLASSIFICATION APPROPRIATE TO CERTAIN
ASPECTS OF THERMONUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING LASER
(PRESENTED REFTEL B); USE OF REACTOR GRADE PLUTONIUM
(ITEM 1, PARA 2, REFTEL A); INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
CIVIL NUCLEAR EMERGENCIES (ITEM 3, PARA 2, REFTEL A);
AND ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF CATE-
GORIES 2 AND 3 PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES (ITEM 4,
PARA 1, REFTEL A). THE FRENCH WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS ITEM 2, PARA 1, REFTEL A, CONCERNING PROLIFERA-
TION IMPLICATIONS OF ISOTOPE SEPARATION. IN ADDITION TO
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THE ABOVE TOPICS, THE FRENCH WISH TO DISCUSS US REGULA-
TIONS REGARDING THE EXPORT OF TRITIUM.

3. THE FRENCH TEAM WILL INCLUDE THOSE MENTIONED IN
REFTEL B PLUS MICHEL CESAR, CHEF DU DEPARTEMENT DE
SECURITE DE MATIERES NUCLEAIRES.

4. CEA DID NOT IDENTIFY A MEMBER OF THE TEAM AS PRE-
PARED TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE MEETING.
THEREFORE, EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE WILLING TO ASSIST ERDA
IN THIS REGARD AND WILL PLACE SUCH REQUIREMENTS AS
NECESSARY ON GOLDSCHMIDT OR HIS STAFF. WE ASSUME DIS-
CUSSION PAPERS WILL NOT BE PREPARED BY FRENCH TEAM
PRIOR TO WASHINGTON VISIT.
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